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TAGS: OEXC CI (PRADO, BENJAMIN)

SUBJ: FY-76 IV GRANTEE.

REF: STATE 204868

1. FOLLOWING ARE BIODATA AND POST'S PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS FOR BENJAMIN PRADO CASAS. PRESENT POSITION: LAWYER IN PRIVATE PRACTICE. ALSO OPERATES SMALL FARM. PAST POSITION: CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY SENAOTR FOR VALPARAISO PROVINCE: LAWYER OF CHILEAN CUSTOMS OFFICE; PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS, CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY, VALPARAISO, AND UNIVERSITY OF CHILE, SANTIAGO. PDBO: VALPARAISO, CHILE, JAN. 4, 1926. CHILEAN, MALE, MARRIED. FOUR GIRLS, THREE BOYS AGED 12 TO 22. PERMANENT ADDRESS: ALCALDE PRIETO 0471, VINA DEL MAR, CHILE. EMERGENCY NAME AND ADDRESS: ALMTE. OSCAR BUZETA, ELIODORO YANEZ 2905, SANTIAGO, CHILE. EDUCATION: LAW DEGREE, UCHILE, ALSO STUDIES IN ECONOMICS, SAME UNIVERSITY. MEMBERSHIP: CHILEAN BAR ASSOCIATION. TRAVELS U.S. 1961 ON OFFICIAL MISSION FOR CHILEAN CUSTOMS SERVICE; 1967, TOURIST. EUROPE; 1971, TOURIST; 1973, INVITED BY BRITISH PARLIAMENT. ENGLISH: INADEQUATE, WILL NEED INTERPRETER. OTHER LANGUAGES: FRENCH AND GERMAN.

2. VISITOR'S TRAVEL SUGGESTIONS: FUNCTIONING OF CONGRESS: DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICY TOWARD LATIN AMERICA. IMPORTANT INDUSTRIAL CENTERS: AUTO INDUSTRY, BUREAU OF CUSTOMS, IRRIGATION OF ARID ZONES. SMALL FARMS, UNIVERSITIES  
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(LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES CENTERS). SMALL AND LARGE CITIES

TO OBSERVE U.S. LIFE. YELLOWSTONE PARK OR GRAND CANYON.

3. MR. PRADO HAS REQUESTED THAT HIS TOUR END IN SAN FRANCISCO BECAUSE HE HAS A MARRIED DAUGHTER THERE AND WISHES TO STAY AT HER HOME FOR ABOUT 15 DAYS AFTER END OF TOUR. DAUGHTER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: MRS. ANA MARIA PRADO DE VELASCO, 775 MARSH RD., APT. 2, MENLO PARK, CALIFORNIA 94025.

4. PRADO HAS SPECIFICALLY STATED WISHES HIS TRIP LOW KEY AND LOW PROFILE, AVOIDING CONTACTS WHICH MIGHT RESULT IN PUBLIC

POLITICAL DEBATE. MORE INTERESTED IN OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT CONTACTS AND SPECIFIC PERSONS WHOSE NAMES WE WILL CABLE SEPTTEL ASAP.

5. POST' PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS:

WASHINGTONDC: CONGRESS, VISITS WITH CONGRESSMEN: DEPARTMENT OF STATE, LATIN AMERICAN RELATIONS (EINAUDI), CHILEAN DESK OFFICER: SUPREME COURT VISIT; U.S. CUSTOMS, OPERATIONAL SYSTEM. SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM AND UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PLANS.

BOSTON: UNIVERSITIES WITH LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAMS AND VISITS TO HISTORICAL SITES.

NEW YORK: WORLD TRADE CENTER; CUSTOMS OFFICE AT WORK AND "FREE" VUSTOMS ZONE IF POSSIBLE OR AVAILABLE. UNITED NATIONS. VISIT MUSEUMS AND ATTEND CONCERT OF CLASSICAL MUSIC.

BUFFALO: NIAGARA FALLS.

DETTROIT: AUTO INDUSTRY AND INDUSTRIES RELATED TO IT.

SMALL OR MEDIUM-SIZED MIDWESTERN TOWN: HOME HOSPITALITY.

LOCAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT. LOCAL POLITICIANS.

NEW ORLEANS: SIGHTSEEIN AND A JAZZ CONCERT.

HOUSTON: SPACE CENTER.

AUSTIN: UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS (LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES CENTER),

LOS ANGELES: SMALL INDUSTRIES. FARMS.

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SAN FRANCISCO: END OF TOUR.

6. POST'S OBJECTIVES AND JUSTIFICATION: AS PREVIOUSLY NOTED (SANTIAGO 4742) PRADO REMAINS AN IMPORTANT FIGURE IN THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY, AND IS THE LEADING MEMBER OF THE PARTY LEFT WING STILL RESIDENT IN CHILE. EMBASSY CONTINUES TO FOLLOW A POLICY OF MAINTAINING

CONTACT WITH THE CURRENTLY RECESSED POLITICAL PARTIES  
OF WHICH THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY IS THE LARGEST  
AND MOST INFLUENTIAL, WITH A SIZEABLE LEFT WING. PRADO,  
AS THE HEAD OF THAT PORTION OF THE PARTY, IS IMPORTANT  
TO THE EMBASSY AS A CONTACT. HE IS BASICALLY FRIENDLY  
TO THE U.S. AND EMBASSY DESIRES THAT HE GAIN A BETTER  
UNDERSTANDING OF THE UNITED STATES.

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